

Ball's Bluff Battlefield Expansion Project Timeline

November 1, 2016

The National Historic Landmarks Committee met in Washington, D.C. on October 18, 2016, to consider the updated Ball's Bluff National Historic Landmark expansion nomination. The committee moved that nomination go forward to the National Park System Advisory Board with a recommendation of approval. Once the advisory board reviews the nomination, the nomination will be sent to the Secretary of the Interior for final approval. It is anticipated that the Secretary will act on the nomination by the end of the calendar year.

September 1, 2016

The redacted version of the Ball's Bluff Battlefield National Historic Landmark expansion nomination is online. The posted version is redacted to protect sensitive archaeological site information referenced in the nomination. View the nomination [here](#).

August 22, 2016

The National Historic Landmarks Committee considered the Ball's Bluff Battlefield National Historic Landmark expansion nomination at their May 9, 2016 meeting. The Landmarks Committee deferred action on the nomination to their October 18-19 meeting. The committee requested additional information regarding the archaeological significance of the Battlefield. Throughout the summer, the consultants have been working on the amended nomination and a final draft of the amended nomination will be posted soon.

March 23, 2016

Over the past year, Rivanna Archaeological Services and their team of consultants have been conducting research and documenting the landscape of the Ball's Bluff Battlefield which has resulted in a final draft of a new and expanded National Historic Landmark nomination for the Battlefield. The consulting team has now concluded that the 3,301 acre expanded area under consideration meets the high standards for historic significance and physical integrity required to receive the special and rare honor of designation as a National Historic Landmark. Public review and comment on the nomination is welcome until May 9, 2016 and should be sent to the [Heritage Commission](#).

The new nomination will be considered by the Landmarks Committee at its May 9/10 2016 meeting. If the Landmarks Committee approves the consultant's report, it will forward the nomination to the National Park Service Advisory Board for formal review and approval. If the Advisory Board supports the nomination it will forward its recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior for a final decision. If all goes well, in the fall of 2016 the Secretary of the Interior will formally designate the proposed 3,301 acre battlefield as the Balls Bluff National Historic Landmark.

May 21, 2015

In February 2015, Loudoun County contracted with Rivanna Archaeological Services (RAS) to conduct the fields surveys and research necessary to complete the nomination for the expanded Ball's Bluff Battlefield National Historic Landmark.

RAS has assembled a team of experts for this project consisting of an historian, architectural historian, landscape architect and archaeologist. Architectural and landscape surveys are being completed this spring. These data, in conjunction with existing and new research, will comprise the basis for the nomination. A community meeting was held on February 19, 2015, to introduce

the RAS team and to provide property owners with an overview of the project and anticipated timeline.

July 29, 2014

Loudoun County has received a grant award from the American Battlefield Protection Program to study the Ball's Bluff Battlefield and prepare a nomination for the expansion of the existing National Historic Landmark. Click [here](#) to view the National Park Service's Press Release. In the Fall, the County will begin the process to hire professional researchers to conduct the studies necessary to prepare a formal nomination.

Update: February 18, 2014

The Heritage Commission submitted the grant application to the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) in January. Grant awards will be announced by July 1, 2014. Click [here](#) to view the ABPP Grant application.



Edwards Ferry Landing is a key part of the historical area.



Much of the view from Edwards Ferry Road remains as it was in 1861.